



UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Fatal Traffic Collision, 300 E. Cabrillo Boulevard

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 30, 2012

The driver of the vehicle in this collision is Robert Grant McCracken of Santa Barbara.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 29, 2012

The pedestrian killed in this collision is Silvia Rodriguez Diaz of Gustine, California.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 28, 2012

On May 27, 2012, at 9:45 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to an injury traffic collision on the 300 block of E. Cabrillo Boulevard. This was a vehicle versus pedestrian collision resulting in the death of the pedestrian.

The Collision Reconstruction Team responded and their investigation is still continuing. At this time the investigation indicates the following. The pedestrian, a 53-year old woman, had been attending a wedding reception at the Casa Las Palmas building at 323 E. Cabrillo Boulevard. It appears that she left the building and was attempting to cross the street when she was struck by a Ford Escape driven by a 22-year old man. The pedestrian was crossing the street outside of the crosswalk, apparently going to her car which was parked on the south side of Cabrillo Boulevard. She was transported to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital where she was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. The driver of the Escape had been drinking prior to the collision, however was not under the influence. He voluntarily provided a breath sample at the scene which registered a .03 BAC. He was not arrested.

Anyone who witnessed this collision or who may have information about this collision is asked to contact Officer Mark Hunt at (805) 897-3719 or mhunt@sbpd.com.

As this investigation was taking place an unrelated, unlicensed, DUI driver crashed through the police barricades and was arrested.

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